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International application No. PCT/NZ2003/000275	International filing date (day/month/year) 15 December 2003	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 16 December 2002
Applicant HENLEY INDUSTRIES LIMITED et al		

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1. Basis of the report

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3.  Unity of invention is lacking (See Box II).

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6. The figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No. 10

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## Box III TEXT OF THE ABSTRACT (Continuation of item 5 of the first sheet)

A module (50) for a brattice belt and a brattice belt made from these modules (50), the modules (50) being made of a flexible material and having a substantially flat first surface (51) from which a plurality of spaced pins (52) protrude; one end of each pin (52) extends from the first surface (51) at an angle of about 60° to the surface (51); the other end (53) of the pin (52) is mounted in a rib (54) formed on a second surface of the module (50), the second surface also providing means (55, 56) for hinging the modules (50) together.

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A	AU 64519/86 A (GRIFFIN & CO INC.) 7 May 1987 Whole document	

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